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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON PRIORITY

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, VS

SUBJECT: SENATE ELECTION BILL

REF: SAIGON 8570

1. WE NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO NGUYEN BA CAN ( REFTEL), A  
DECISION BY PRESIDENT THIEU ON WHETHER OR NOT TO AMEND  
THE SENATE ELECTION BILL CAN BE EXPECTED SHORTLY.  
ALTHOUGH HE APPEARS TO HAVE RECEIVED GOOD ADVICE FROM  
CAN AND COLLEAGUES, THIEU STILL MAY BE INCLINED TO AMEND  
THE BILL SO AS TO VIRTUALLY GUARANTEE A DEMOCRACY PARTY  
SWEEP AND SHUT OUT OPPOSITION.

2. REQUEST YOU TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS  
ISSUE WITH PRIME MINISTER KHIEM IN GENERAL TERMS, POINTING  
OUT THAT ANOTHER UNCONTESTED ELECTION WOULD BE DAMAGING,  
ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF ITS NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US CONGRESS  
AND PUBLIC. RUSH  
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